

Doubles Downfall For W-L

ARLINGTON — Last year's Washington-Lee High tennis team was the second best team in Northern Virginia and, after the first match of the season yesterday, it appears the Generals will have to battle to better than that standard.

The Generals opened the season yesterday afternoon on the Quincy Street courts losing a real pressure-packed match to southside rival Wakefield, 5-4.

The match was decided in the doubles play as the teams split at 3-all in the singles play.

Wakefield won the first three singles matches and Washington-Lee squared matters by winning the fourth, fifth and sixth singles. With the doubles teams lined up on three courts for the showdown the pressure was on.

The turning point of the match came when Wakefield's No. 2 doubles team of Bob Haithcock and Ben Gardner defeated the Washington-Lee team of Greg Ent and Jon Lyons, 10-8.

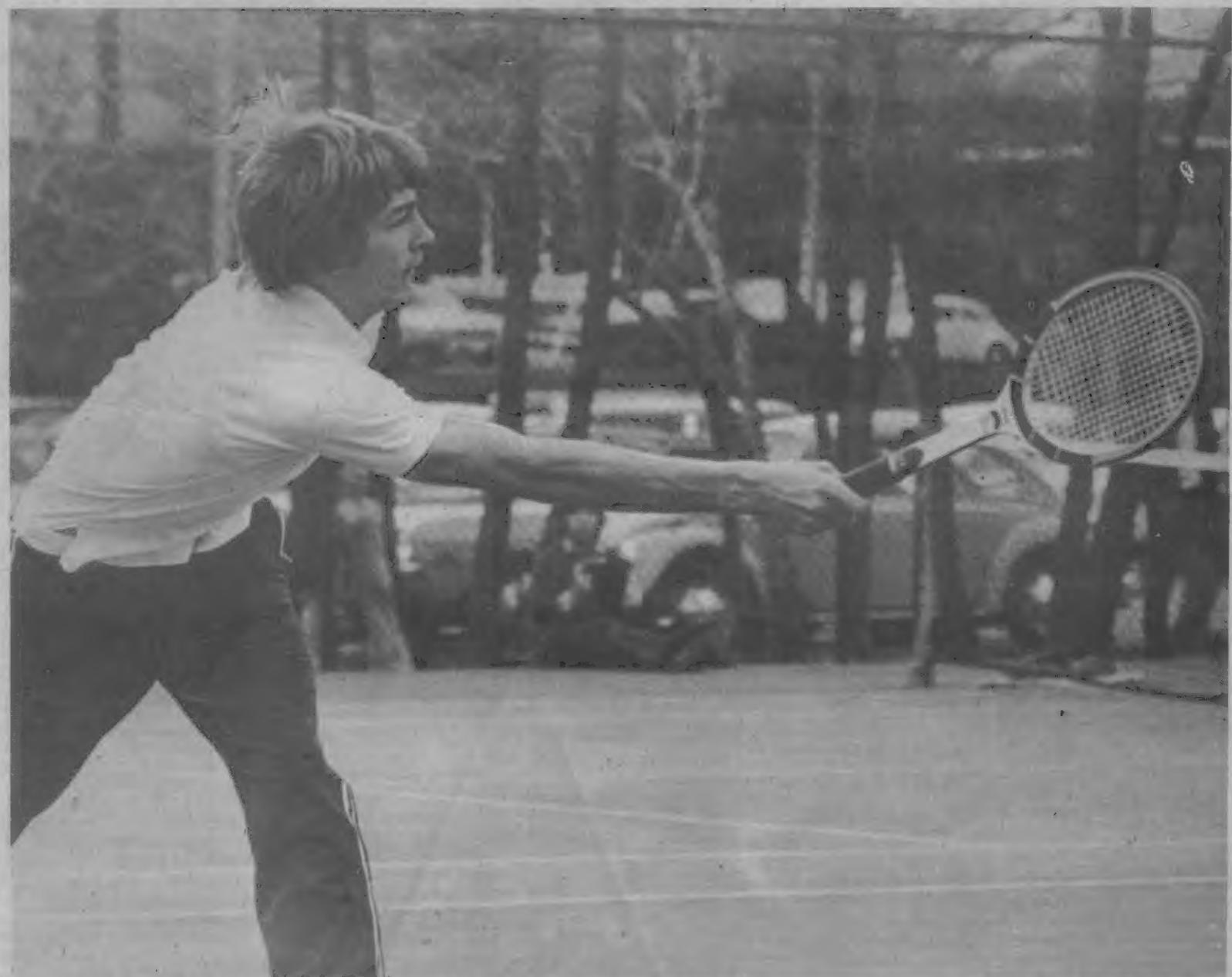
Ent and Lyons had an 8-6 lead before Haithcock, whose father coaches the team and Gardner, ran out the last four games.

Wakefield's No. 1 doubles team of Santiago Jaquez and Brian Manthe routed Jimmy Barnes and Bruce Lovett, 10-3.

For a time in the early going of the doubles matches it appeared Washington-Lee was going to pull it out with Ent and Lyons holding a big lead and W-L's No. 3 doubles team of George Gilbert and Jim Pahno routing Stan Selman and Dave Kohn. Gilbert and Pahno won the match easily, 10-3.

Wakefield's No. 1 singles player, Jaquez, topped Barnes, 10-7, in the first singles match. The Warriors came back to win the No. 2 match as Manthe downed Ent, 10-7, and the No. 3 match with Haithcock topping Lovett, 10-5.

Washington-Lee then turned things around as Pahno, Lyons and Gilbert won their singles matches. Pahno downed Selman, 11-9; Lyons defeated Gardner, 10-3, and Gilbert whipped Kohn, 10-3.



Brian Manthe of Wakefield stretches to return a shot from Greg Ent of Washington-Lee yesterday afternoon at W-L.

Manthe prevailed over Ent, 10-7. (Bt Brian O'Grady--The SUN)